

# State Senator Tom Gaffey's Guide to Energy Assistance & Conservation

Programs are in place that can help families pay their heating bills this winter, including programs with direct cash assistance for heating costs, rebates for replacing outdated furnaces with more efficient models and low- or no-interest long-term loans for energy-efficient upgrades.

## Information Online

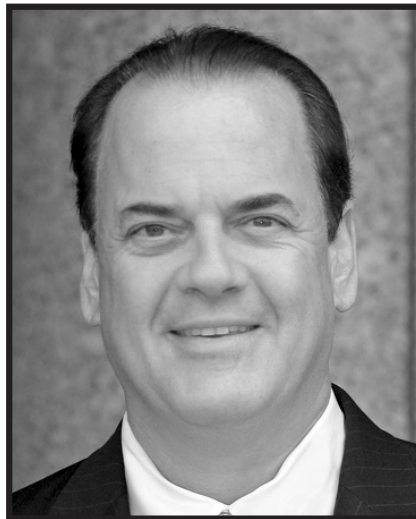
One-stop source for home-heating assistance and energy links in English and Spanish:  
[www.senatedems.ct.gov/Energy](http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/Energy)



### State Sales Tax Exemptions

Connecticut provides sales tax exemptions for energy-efficient products including:

- Insulation
- Caulking
- Doors
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Furnaces
- Geothermal heat pumps
- Programmable thermostats
- Water heaters
- Windows



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## Save on Your Electric Bill



### Choose Your Electric Supplier

The rate you pay for the generation portion of your electric bill may be lowered.

**1-888-922-3782**

The **Weatherization Residential Assistance Partnership (WRAP)** helps income-eligible customers reduce their bills by making their homes more energy-efficient.

**1-800-388-9727**

The **Home Energy Solutions** provides energy audits for a subsidized fee of \$75. **1-877-947-3873**

The **Matching Payment Program** provides year-round electric service and possible forgiveness of back balances to low-income electric heating customers.

**1-800-286-2828**

The **NUSTART** program helps customers reduce or eliminate their past-due balance if they pay an agreed-upon amount each month.

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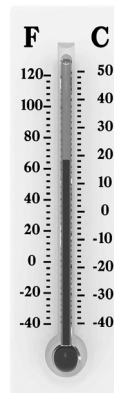
## Furnace Upgrades

The **Boiler and Furnace Replacement/Upgrade Rebate Program** provides up to \$500 toward a more energy-efficient boiler or furnace.  
**1-866-940-4676**

The **Energy Conservation Loan Program** provides low-or no-interest loans for energy-efficient upgrades including furnaces and boilers, thermal windows and doors and insulation. **860-233-5165 ext. 2019** or **2023**; [www.chif.org](http://www.chif.org)

To help reduce energy costs and protect our environment, the federal government is offering tax credits to individuals who invest in making their homes more energy efficient.  
[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

## Help With Your Heating Bill



The **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)** and the **Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP)** help offset the costs of winter heating and pay for weatherization. Department of Social Services (DSS),  
**1-800-842-1132**;  
Infoline, **211**

**Operation Fuel** provides energy assistance to income-eligible residents. Infoline, **211**



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